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Looking back at Women's Conference



Rilee Scoresby

Linda Evans helps Women's Conference participants make a yarn wig at the service project in the Smith Fieldhouse during BYU Women's Conference on May 2.

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

Patricia Huhem, a mother originally from Chile, said she's been attending BYU Women's Conference for about 26 years. As she raised her daughters, Natasha and Elisa Huhem, she dreamed of the day they would be old enough for all of them to attend together.

That dream finally came true for Huhem at the 2019 BYU Women's Conference.

"Today's the day," she said while attending Women's Conference with Natasha and Elisa. "And I love (Women's Conference) just because it's my personal rejuvenation time to know that I'm doing what God wants me to do."

The Huhems were just a few of the thousands of women who gathered on May 2 and 3 to hear to hear general auxiliary presidencies and board members, speak on topics like revelation, family history and forgiveness.

This year's conference also tackled tough topics like women and the priesthood and understanding the LGBTQ community. Further, the conference expanded to accommodate Spanish and Portuguese speakers and included service projects and a historic Sister to Sister event. The following are some highlights from our event coverage.

Women in Church history

During a May 2 session called "Women Making History in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," the Primary general presidency spoke not only of the

examples of women in Church history but also of how women today can make their own histories to leave as examples for generations to come.

Primary general president Joy D. Jones' remarks were prerecorded, as she was in Washington, D.C. participating in the National Day of Prayer ceremony at the White House.

Sister Cristina B. Franco, second counselor in the Primary general presidency, presented names of women in Church history, such as Emma Smith, Eliza R. Snow and Mary Fielding Smith, and asked those attending the session to raise their hands if they knew who the women were.

"We believe that your names should, and will be, on that list," Sister Franco said.

Sister Lisa L. Harkness, first counselor in the Primary general presidency, spoke about the importance of individuals knowing stories from their family histories.

"We bear testimony that just one of those stories could possibly help just one child, teenager or family member hold fast to their faith, avoid sin or get through a rough time in their lives," she said.

Women and the priesthood

The Relief Society general presidency addressed questions about women and the priesthood during a May 2 session called "Endowed with Priesthood Power."

Sister Jean B. Bingham, Relief Society general president, said that when a woman is endowed with priesthood

power, "it is an infinite source that constantly renews and can never be exhausted."

Sister Reyna I. Aburto, second counselor in the Relief Society general presidency, said every woman receives priesthood power as she participates in priesthood ordinances and keeps the related covenants.

"Each woman has access to priesthood power according to her covenants and her personal righteousness," she said. "No one can take it from her, but no one can give priesthood power to her outside of the covenants and her individual striving to be true to those covenants."

She also said it makes her sad when women say they don't have the priesthood in their homes, because regardless of personal circumstances, and although women need those holding priesthood offices for blessings of health or comfort, "(women) are nevertheless themselves a source of priesthood power for their own homes."

Sister Sharon Eubank, first counselor in the Relief Society general presidency, said that although people can already have a level of priesthood power simply through their goodness, that power is "greatly magnified" when they make and keep covenants.

She also emphasized that priesthood power is about other people, and cannot be used to control unrighteously.

"It can only be used to love," she said. "This is the priesthood power we are called to receive: help others with their problems."

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Women leaders motivate, inspire



Claire Gentry/BYU Photo

Young Women general president Sister Bonnie H. Cordon, left, Relief Society general president Sister Jean B. Bingham and Primary general president Joy D. Jones laugh together during the Sister to Sister event at Women's Conference on May 3. Scan the photo with the Universe Plus app to watch a video from the conference.

By JENNA ALTON

Women leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints answered questions from Church members around the world in the first ever Sister to Sister event hosted by the BYU Women's Conference.

The event was similar to Face to Face events the Church began in 2014 for youth and young adults. Sheri L. Dew moderated the event. Sister Jean B. Bingham, Relief Society general president; Sister Bonnie H. Cordon, Young Women general president; and Sister Joy D. Jones, Primary general president, answered questions. According to Dew, Church members submitted more than 5,000 questions in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

"I hope you brought your jammies and an extra mint brownie. We're gonna answer all of them," Dew said, followed by a roar of laughter. "Maybe not. We wish we could."

A lighthearted spirit and laughter continued throughout the event, which took place in what Sister Cordon, called the "big living room" of the Marriott Center.

One question came from a woman seeking to have greater unity with priesthood leaders, especially when some of these leaders can seem dismissive in their interaction. Each president related to this experience and encouraged those in a similar position to seek understanding and do what Jesus Christ would do.

Sister Bingham said she learned if she prayed for this leader and strived to understand him, they worked much better together. She encouraged Church members to approach such situations with love.

"Charity never faileth" — I know

that's something that we say all the time — but truly, true love never fails," Sister Bingham said. "True love is irresistible."

The women also counseled Church members on how to approach doubts and struggles with faith, especially those regarding Church history or policy. All agreed asking questions is important, but emphasized doing so with both faith and the Spirit.

"I think there are some questions that will not have answers right now and right today, but I have to be faithful enough that I can put that on the shelf and let it rest until I can find that answer," Sister Bingham said.

Sister Jones said it's essential to keep close to the Spirit and stay close to God during the process of asking questions.

Lauren Manzione attended the event with her mother, Marie Hendriksen. Manzione said she's in a transition period in her life and the event was both encouraging and motivating.

"We don't need worry about (all the little details) all the time if we just are doing the very basic things that we need to do," Manzione said. "I need to show compassion to myself as well as to others as I'm trying to navigate through the complexities of our lives."

Hendriksen said the leaders answered many of the questions she had before the event. She also added how much she enjoyed seeing the interaction between the leaders.

Sister Cordon told a story about how she was called to the Primary general presidency with Sister Jones and Sister Bingham, who were already good friends at the time.

"It was just fun to see the interaction between the sisters because it felt so real," Hendriksen said. "It was so real what they were telling us and the stories they told personally were very touching to me."



Jennifer Hanks

Jennifer Hanks receives a posthumous degree in neuroscience for her husband, Justin, on April 26.

Young widow finds hope and healing

By JENNA ALTON

Jennifer Hanks donned a long, blue gown and a cap with a yellow tassel during the College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences convocation ceremony on April 26. When neuroscience program director Mona Hopkins handed her a diploma, the crowd erupted into applause.

But unlike the thousands of other students who received their diplomas in the Marriott Center that day, Jennifer did not receive her own degree — she received a posthumous degree in behalf of her late husband, Justin Harvard Hanks, who died in July of 2018.

Benjamin M. Ogles, the college's dean, introduced Justin's degree in neuroscience before the remainder of the college's students crossed the stage to receive their diplomas.

"For five years, Justin was determined to finish his degree despite

several surgeries, setbacks and different chemotherapy and radiation treatments," Ogles said during the ceremony. "Justin is a tremendous example of faithfulness in trial, perseverance and Christlike love."

Jennifer said the diploma is much more than a just a diploma to her — it's a symbol of how hard Justin worked during the years he battled cancer and juggled family, school, work and chemo treatments.

"I think that diploma shows how hard he worked and what a great example that he showed my kids," Jennifer said. "No matter how hard something is, you don't just give up. You can keep fighting and moving forward."

Justin died when their twin sons were just three months old, leaving Jennifer to raise them as a single mom and young widow. Despite the difficulties of life without Justin, Jennifer has found hope and purpose through her family.

"I feel like if I didn't have them, I don't know how I would be able to survive,"

Jennifer said about her sons. "They just like help me keep moving forward and they help me stay in those daily routines."

Jennifer and Justin met in Fort Collins, Colorado, where they both grew up. They attended BYU-Idaho together for one semester and became best friends before Justin transferred to BYU. They eventually married in May 2013 after both served missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Two months after the wedding, Justin started to complain about a persistent chest pain. He was a strong 24-year-old, Jennifer said, so the couple just assumed he had lifted weights too hard. However, when Justin went in for an X-ray, doctors found a tumor in his chest that was the result of testicular cancer. Within three days, the newlyweds moved back to Colorado to start chemotherapy treatments close to family.

"He did treatments for hormones and had a big surgery at the end to get the tumor removed," Jennifer said. "Once

the tumor was removed, he was cancer free."

In one of the routine scans Justin attended every three months, doctors found a new cancer in Justin's chest. According to Jennifer, doctors were unsure about what kind of cancer it was and couldn't give it a name.

"Surgeries and treatments were just kind of like a guessing game," Jennifer said.

Eventually, doctors found a chemotherapy treatment that stabilized Justin for a few years. The treatment didn't shrink his tumor, but it prevented it from growing, giving the Hanks family a somewhat normal life and allowing Justin to continue with work and school.

In this period of time, the Hankses decided it was time to grow their family. Because of Justin's chemotherapy, Jennifer could only become pregnant through in vitro fertilization, an expensive fertility treatment.

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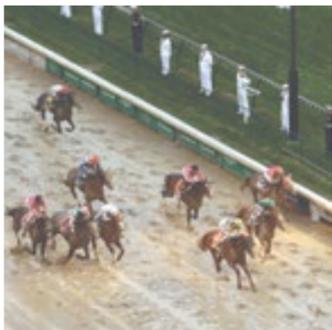
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Royals 'over the moon' about baby boy

Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, gave birth to a healthy baby boy early Monday morning. Prince Harry announced to the world, declaring he's "incredibly proud" of his wife. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth and was born at 5:26 a.m. Harry said the child was a bit overdue and that had given the royal couple more time to contemplate names. Harry said he was ecstatic about the birth of their first child and promised that more details – such as the baby's name – will be shared in the coming days.



Maximum Security out of Preakness

Taken down as the Kentucky Derby winner, Maximum Security is now out of the Preakness. Maximum Security's owner said Monday he will not run the horse in the middle jewel of the Triple Crown and will appeal the disqualification as Derby winner. The 1 1/8-mile Preakness is May 18 at Pimlico Race Course. Though shorter than the Kentucky Derby, the race requires a quick turnaround. West didn't want to burden his colt with the Triple Crown off the table.



North Korea tests new missile

North Korea appears to have tested a new short-range missile – and President Donald Trump's resolve to keep it from doing more of the same in the future. The test early Saturday was quickly played down by Trump and his top advisers, who noted it was not the kind of long-range missile leader Kim Jong Un has refrained from launching since 2017. The sudden activity on the coast, suggests that Kim's missiles are improving even as the Trump administration wrestles with how to get him back to the negotiating table.



Graduation gowns made of recycled plastic

Graduation gowns worn by Utah Valley University graduates saved an estimated 70,000 plastic bottles from landfills this year, officials said. The ceremonial gowns for the university in Orem came from Oak Hall Cap & Gown, which uses recycled plastic bottles to make regalia, The Daily Herald reported Wednesday. This is the fifth year students have worn the recycled and recyclable gowns in the graduation ceremony at the university.



US-China deal seems dim but possible

By threatening to raise tariffs on Chinese imports, President Donald Trump is throwing down a challenge to Beijing: agree to sweeping changes in China's government-dominated economic model – or suffer the consequences. The unexpected ultimatum, delivered via tweets on Sunday and Monday, shook up financial markets that were convinced the world's two biggest economies were on track to resolve a year-long standoff over trade, perhaps by the end of the week.

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Speakers tackle tough topics

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Understanding the LGBTQ community

Deb Hutchins and Blake Fisher, both gay members of the Church, are involved in BYU's LGBTQ outreach efforts. They spoke during a May 3 session called "Understanding the LGBTQ and SSA Community: Included in Our Circle of Love" about how Church members can show better love and understanding to their LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

Fisher said his sexuality has been compared to addiction, sickness, temptation and sin, and once he even heard someone say LGBTQ people should be loved just like murderers should be loved.

"I think you'd be surprised how often people compare the experience of sexuality with something that's negative," he said. "My rule is if you want to use a comparison, don't."

He also said when students come to his office, he often sees one of four mindsets: denying their faith, denying their sexuality, obsessing over their faith or obsessing over their sexuality.

However, "the way to find peace and joy is not in abandoning, it's not in obsessing, but it's in holding both (your faith and sexuality)," he said. "That is not easy. That creates a lot of tension between the two. But in that tension, I have come to know Jesus Christ."

Closing session

Elder D. Todd Christofferson and his wife, Kathy, spoke at the closing session of BYU Women's Conference on May 3. Sister Christofferson spoke



Madeline Mortensen/BYU

Women take notes at a BYU Women's Conference session. Scan the photo with the Universe Plus app to listen to a behind the scenes interview of Women's Conference.

first, sharing a story of a testimony meeting where she said she could not think of anything "particularly remarkable" to say.

But though she felt embarrassed for not getting up, she said she found "that it isn't in great miracles that a testimony is kept vibrant, but in the small day-to-day affirmations and directions we receive from heaven as we strive to come unto our Savior (and) keep His commandments."

Elder Christofferson then spoke, identifying four kinds of help God offers out of care: commandments, grace, truth and gifts.

He invited the women in attendance to make God's commandments a priority, saying, "That which truly matters most will occupy center stage in our lives, and that which doesn't matter, doesn't help or even hurts us, will fall away."

Elder Christofferson also said Christ can give strength and forgiveness and eventually set all things right. However, "each of us is in charge of developing her or his own spiritual strength and stamina," he said.

Joyce Haldeman, a conference attendee from Las Vegas, said Elder Christofferson's messages are always uplifting, and they make the gospel simple and helpful to her.

She also said she was impressed throughout the entire conference with the speakers' humility and preparation.

"I am so grateful to them that they take these assignments so seriously," she said. "When you come to something like this and you feel like you get a sense of who the leaders are, it just makes you love the Church even more."

Additional reporting by Lauren Lethbridge and Colton Anderson.



Church changes sealing policy

By JENNA ALTON

Couples who are married civilly no longer have to wait a year before being sealed in a temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Church announced Monday.

The policy "sets a single global standard" for the Church, according to a press release. Civil marriage precedes temple marriage in more than half the countries where the Church is present.

The Church still encourages couples to be both civilly married and sealed within the Church's temples, according to a letter from the Church's First Presidency, but the policy change offers another option to include family members who may not be able to attend a temple sealing. Only Church members in good standing can enter the temple to witness a sealing.

"We anticipate that this change will provide more opportunities for families to come together in love and unity during the special time of marriage and sealing of a man and



Church Newsroom

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced Monday that couples no longer need to wait a year after a civil marriage to be sealed in one of the Church's temples.

woman," the letter says.

The Church asks for civil marriage ceremonies to be "simple and dignified" and says they can be performed in Church chapels.

"Regardless of location, the temple sealing should be the central focus of the marriage and provide the spiritual basis on which the couple begins life together," it says.

Temple sealings differ from

civil marriage ceremonies in that they unite families after death, according to the Church's website.

"A husband and wife who are sealed in the temple make sacred covenants with the Lord and with each other. These covenants assure them that their relationship will continue after this life if they remain true to their commitments," the website says.



Tylynn Bradford

Jennifer and Justin Hanks spent three months together with their twin sons, Everett and Marshal, before Justin died in July 2018.

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Jennifer finds hope through family

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"The future was so unsure, but we didn't want any regrets," Jennifer said about the couple's decision to have children. "We just wanted to live life. We didn't want cancer to control us."

Doctors transferred one embryo to Jennifer's uterus in August 2017. To the Hanks' surprise, their first ultrasound revealed two beating hearts. The single embryo split, resulting in identical twins.

"We definitely felt like we were meant to have twins, and I obviously was freaking out," Jennifer said. "But my husband was just so calm and super excited, and he kind of was like

my rock."

Justin's health took a turn for the worse when Jennifer was about seven months pregnant. He was admitted to the hospital with a persistent fever caused by his cancer.

"We were there for one week and then two weeks, and it just wasn't looking good," Jennifer said. "It got to the point that our prayers started to turn to, 'Let him at least get out of the hospital so that he can see these babies born.'"

Jennifer said their prayers were answered — Justin came home from the hospital a month before the twins' due date. In that time, he built his strength enough to be present during the their delivery. Jennifer said it was a miracle Justin attended the twins' birth and just what she needed to give her renewed strength and hope.

"The babies were born and I was so excited," Jennifer said. "I

felt like everything had shifted. I was excited and I knew that I could do this, and I knew that if something were to happen if he did pass, that I knew that they would keep me going."

Justin, Jennifer, Everett and Marshal spent about three months together as a family before Justin died on July 7, 2018. Since then, Jennifer and the babies have adapted to life without Justin, which Jennifer chronicles in her blog, *Coco's Caravan*. Jennifer tries to incorporate Justin's memory into her children's daily lives by recalling happy memories and what Justin loved during his life.

"It's so miserable and you're in so much pain, and I'm sure there were many times that he just wanted to give up," Jennifer said. "But I never, ever saw that from him. ... He never complained and never gave up and literally fought to the last second."

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Golden Spike festival celebrates 150 years of growth and diversity

By CAMILLA OWENS

The 150th Golden Spike anniversary celebrates more than a historic railroad. This year, Utah's Golden Spike festival in Promontory, Utah, focuses on the improvements the railroad made for all Americans, especially minority groups.

"It changed America and the world," said Ryan Lee, curator of 19th Century Mormon and Western Manuscripts at BYU. "It took transportation from the East Coast to the West Coast from six months to six days, so it revolutionized how people traveled."

Individuals and organizations across the state spent years uncovering rare artifacts and personal histories for visitors to learn and gain inspiration. The construction of the Transcontinental Railroad helped unify a disjointed nation after the Civil War, Lee said. The railroad enhanced travel, growth and economic success within the United States, according to Lee.

On May 9-12, Utah will take center stage in the nation's 150th celebration of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Sarah Singh, head of Special Collections at Weber State University, said, "We're expecting a quarter of a million people. It's going to be like the Olympics."

The peak in interest extends well beyond Utah's borders. Singh said visitors are coming from across the nation and the world as Utah takes center stage in the nation's historical anniversary.

As a curator, Singh is extensively involved in bringing together the state's history and the personal accounts that weave together a rich story of diversity. To bring the railroad to life, Singh's team researched and interviewed descendants of those who worked on the



Spike 150

At the 149th Anniversary Celebration at Promontory Point, those celebrating began a countdown to the 150th anniversary.

railroad.

"We reached out to the Chinese, Japanese and African American communities and said all those stories are a part of the railroad story here in Utah and need to be shared and highlighted," Singh said. "We wanted to make sure all the other groups were involved in not only building the railroad but then also the aftermath and having the growth of the railroad by making sure they're represented as well."

For the past five years, Lee has worked meticulously to bring artifacts from the Transcontinental Railroad to the public. With interactive displays, Lee's goal is for visitors to get a closer look at The Church



Spike 150

Central Pacific's Chief Engineer, Samuel S. Montague, left, and Union Pacific's Chief Engineer, Grenville M. Dodge, right, shake hands at the Golden Spike Wedding of the Rails celebration on May 10, 1869.

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' involvement in this part of history.

"The idea of having the railroad here, the migration of members of the Church into the Intermountain West — that was

huge," Lee said.

Although the Transcontinental Railroad opened an era of growth and innovation, it also closed a chapter in Utah history by bringing an end to the pioneer era.

"The Transcontinental Railroad did technically end the pioneer era on May 10, 1869," Lee said. "It is definitely good to know there was a drive to bring people together, and the railroad did that."

BYU's Museum of Art is also showcasing the growth of the railroad by displaying rare photographs documenting its construction.

Curator Ashlee Whitaker brought the exhibition to the BYU Museum of Art to showcase the historical importance of the Transcontinental Railroad's monumental achievement.

"This exhibition spoke to me because it merges the 150 years of great railroad photography with an interesting and relevant discussion of transformation and change — both locally and nationally — that still impacts us today," Whitaker said.

The Golden Spike was the

last railroad spike, made out of gold, ceremoniously set into place as the final spike in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad. It celebrated the railroad's completion, and was "heard" from coast to coast.

Visitors can view the actual spikes used 150 years ago at the Golden Spike festival and in Salt Lake City. Spencer Stokes, Spike 150 event commissioner is working extensively to plan this year's festivities at the Golden Spike National Historic Site.

From the Spike 150 festivities, Stokes said the original spikes will be on display in the Utah State Capitol's Gold Room.

Stokes said visitors will have a short window to see the Continental Railroad Act together with all the spikes. It's also worth noting that the Pacific Railroad Act of 1862 will be making its first public appearance in 10 years.

Brigham Young created a spare spike that is on display at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Church History Museum in Salt Lake City after the Transcontinental Railroad was completed.

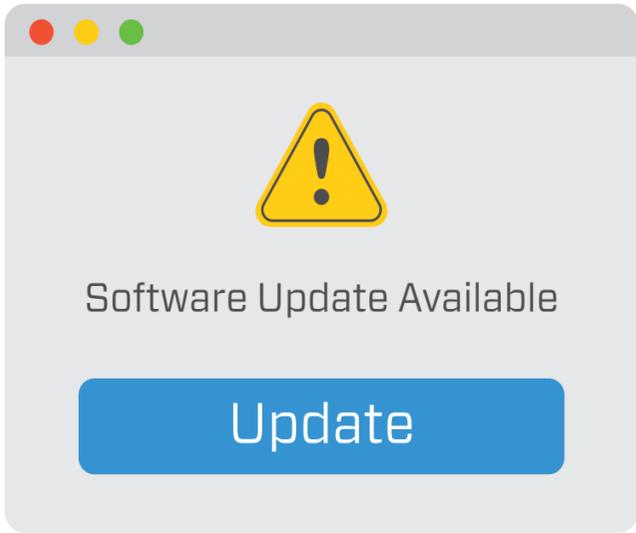
Located at the newly designated Golden Spike National Historical Park's Celebration Village, visitors can witness the wedding of the rails and see what life was like 150 years ago.

"There aren't a lot of areas where you can go to a remote spot that looks like it did 150 years ago," Stokes said.

Visitors can see how people lived as they worked on the railroad in the "Hell on Wheels" village May 10-12. On the 10th, the reenactment of the wedding of the rails will be televised to schools across the state.

Throughout a series of events, Utah is set to bring people together from different time periods, backgrounds and cultures — something Singh said the Transcontinental Railroad has successfully done since 1869.

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J. B. Haws is an associate dean of Religious Education at BYU and an associate professor of Church history and doctrine. He is a native of Hooper, Utah, in western Weber County. His PhD from the University of Utah is in American history, and his research interests center on the twentieth- and twenty-first-century American religious land-

scape and the place of Latter-day Saints in that landscape.

He and his wife, Laura, have three sons and a daughter—all Cougar fans through and through. He served a Spanish-speaking mission in Raleigh, North Carolina, so he speaks Spanish with a slight Southern accent and English with a heavy Hooper, Utah, accent.

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Former BYU football player combines sports, sculpture

By KAITLYN BANCROFT

People going past Buswell Bronze in Pleasant Grove, Utah, likely don't know it's there. The business is set away from the main part of town, just one nondescript warehouse in a cluster of others. Yet it's here that Blair Buswell — a former BYU football player and current professional sculptor — practices his craft, creating official Pro Football Hall of Fame busts, larger-than-life wagon trains and other western art and even busts of Church presidents for the Conference Center.

And though Buswell's road to becoming an artist began well before his time at BYU, it was at BYU he combined his love of sports and art into a professional sculpting career of now nearly 40 years.

An affinity for art

Buswell grew up in North Ogden and gained an affinity for art early on when his mother would give him clay in sacrament meeting to keep him quiet. He would make his own toys out of it, but did not realize until junior high "that people actually made a living at what I (did) for fun."

From junior high on, he wanted to be an artist, though he continued being an athlete as well. While attending Weber High School, he was both an art Sterling Scholar and All-State in football and track.

He went on to attend Ricks College on art, academic and athletic scholarships, where he played football and ran track. His art teachers thought he spent too much time playing sports,



Hannah Miner

Former BYU-football player and professional sculptor Blair Buswell looks at a work-in-progress in his studio in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

and his coaches wondered why he spent time on art.

Buswell said he discovered illustration and design at Ricks College and loved it, but knew sculpture was what he wanted to do with his life. He briefly transferred to Utah State University for their spring football program before leaving to serve a mission in Washington, D.C.

Following his mission, Buswell had the same offer to walk on at Utah State that he had for BYU. He could have stayed at Utah State and continued concentrating on illustration, but he said BYU was the only school in the Intermountain West with a traditional figurative sculpture professor.

Buswell ultimately redshirted

at BYU then played in 1981 as a reserve running back. He said BYU's team doctor saw his art and thought he was crazy for risking his hands playing football, even making him special hand pads and checking him before games to make sure his hands were protected. Though he "didn't get in much," he said he played with some great quarterbacks, including Marc Wilson, Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Robbie Bosco.

Buswell's big break came during his senior year at BYU at an end-of-year awards banquet where he was honored for work he had done outside of football and where he displayed some of his sculptures.

The guest speaker that night,

was then-San Francisco 49ers Coach Bill Walsh, who had just won his first Super Bowl with the team. Walsh took notice of Buswell's work and asked Buswell to do a sculpture of Walsh and then-San Francisco 49ers owner Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr.

"So of course, I jumped on that," Buswell said.

Buswell flew to San Francisco, where Walsh and DeBartolo posed for Buswell the day before the first pre-season game. When he finished the sculpture, Buswell flew to DeBartolo's home in Youngstown, Ohio, to give him the sculpture.

Buswell said DeBartolo was "really excited" by the piece and asked what his plans with

sculpture were. Buswell said his dream was to work for the NFL, especially the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Smiling, DeBartolo picked up the phone, called the director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and said, "There's a young man here you need to meet. I'll send him right over."

The Pro Football Hall of Fame ultimately hired Buswell, and he has now sculpted for them for nearly 40 years. In 1990, he was the first sculptor to be named Sport Artist of the Year, and in 2008, he received BYU's Distinguished Service Award.

"It's kind of like in sports," Buswell said. "When you're called on, you've got to be ready to do your thing."

Still pinching himself

Buswell said he doesn't know if there's been a "biggest" highlight of his career, but said sculpting has allowed him to go places he never thought he would and meet people he never dreamed of meeting, such as athletes Mickey Mantle, Oscar Robertson, Jack Nicklaus and Merlin Olsen.

He's also sculpted a Catholic archbishop, a Baptist preacher and busts of three prophets: President Harold B. Lee, President Thomas S. Monson and President Russell M. Nelson, the last of which is still in progress and will be added to the Conference Center this fall.

"I've been pinching myself for a lot of years," he said.

Additionally, he said his family has been supportive of his career as an artist. For example, the summer after he came home from his mission, his father gave him a list of possible summer jobs, such as working at a grocery store or a gas station.

Instead, he asked if he could convert half the garage into a sculpting studio. He and his parents changed the garage lights and stacked apple crates to make tables, "and I've never looked back," Buswell said.

However, he said his career has been tough to balance with family life due to his sculpting deadlines. His wife is a flight attendant, so he's also been "Mr. Mom" to his three kids, the youngest of whom is now a senior in high school.

Buswell said the best part of sculpting is the tactile part of creating three dimensions.

"We joke as sculptors (that) a painter just has to pick an angle view and make it look great. We have to make ours look great all the way around," he said.

He also said he wants people to feel emotion when they look at his work. When he's sculpting people, he's "trying to capture the personality, the feeling of that person."

Buswell said he's been waiting 30 years for the opportunity to sculpt his coach, LaVell Edwards. Another future goal is doing a piece for the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C.

And to anyone hoping to make a living as an artist themselves, "Good luck," Buswell said. "It's a tough thing to get into."

However, he added people should make art because they enjoy it.

"It's the same thing with sports. How many people actually make a living playing football?" he said. "Do (art) as long as you can and have fun doing it. Enjoy the ride. You're not a failure if you don't become a Hall of Fame football (player) or a concert pianist or a famous artist."

Local, independent bookstores thrive despite predictions of demise

By SADIE ANDERSON

A small bell rings as customers push open the door and are hit with the scent of old pages bound into books. Novels piled high line the floor and bookshelves as customers scan the titles, ready for a new adventure to jump into.

Local bookstores, like Pioneer Book in Provo, have been said to be in danger of dying over the last decade. Articles in major media and research journals have warned that e-books are taking over the literary world and bringing an end to the reading of hard copy books.

Since the bankruptcy of Borders bookstores back in 2011, many studies and investigations have taken place to determine whether local bookstores and printed books will become obsolete. Most predicted reading would become completely digital, resulting in the death of

independent bookstores.

A case study by Tennessee University researchers Will Hooper and Mary Katherine Rawls said the bankruptcy of Borders "signifies the obsolescence of the American bookstore." They said the days when books were cherished are over as people now buy books from Walmart and the Internet. "When America said goodbye to Borders, it was also saying goodbye to an era."

However, The New York Times reported in 2015: "While analysts once predicted that e-books would overtake print by 2015, digital sales have instead slowed sharply." Instead of a decline in bookstores, there has been a resurgence.

Pioneer Book managing partner Scott Glenn agrees. He said books aren't going away anytime soon. "Borders closed about 1,100 locations, but since then, about the same number of independent bookstores have opened, filling the void they left

behind," he said. Borders' selling model wasn't working, Glenn said, but the demand for books is still there.

Glenn said these independent bookstores do a better job at fulfilling consumer needs for reading recommendations, relationships and a sense of place.

The 40-year-old Pioneer Book is a place where customers can bring in books they no longer want sitting on their shelves and exchange them for store credit to find another book to take the old one's place. Glenn said the store also holds a number of events throughout the year that keep people coming back.

"Reading challenges have been really successful for us," Glenn said. Every summer, the store holds a reading challenge with a list of 50 categories for participants to choose books from. Those who complete the challenge receive a \$150 gift card to the store. Despite this reward for reading all 50 books, Glenn likes to tell people, "The reading is its own reward. Even if you didn't finish the challenge, you didn't fail — you succeeded in reading."

Glenn believes people have a need for physical books they can touch, smell and hold. He said readers like seeing how far they've gotten and how much



Sadie Anderson

Glenn Scott mans the front desk of Pioneer Book, an independent local bookstore on Center Street in Provo.

time they have left with the story, and they also like remembering specific moments on a certain spot of the page. He believes having these physical books is a way to display your personality on a shelf and show other people what you are interested in and what things you can talk about together. "If you're carrying it around in your pocket all the time, you're missing the opportunity to engage with others about things that you're interested in."

BYU professor and young adult author Spencer Hyde said he also prefers having a physical book in his hand. "I've tried Kindle; I've tried Audible — but

I just can't do it."

Hyde said he thinks people are reading more than ever because of how accessible books have become. While many people do read e-books and listen to Audible, he says he believes most enjoy reading physical books.

To those who don't read much but would like to begin, Hyde said, "start a lot of books." He said there is a book out there for everyone, but you have to keep trying to find it. "I can get fifty pages into a book, and it's not working for me," Hyde said. "You have to keep starting books until you find that captivating voice."

Provo librarians Ashley

Urquhart and Nicole Sperry both believe bookstores aren't disappearing, but thriving.

With bookish communities like BookTube and bookstagram, people are buying books for the beautiful designs and colors so they can post them onto social media. "E-books aren't pretty," Urquhart said. "People are buying and borrowing books not just to read but also for the aesthetic."

Sperry said books aren't as niche as people have come to believe. "Most people think of stereotypical bookworms when it comes to reading, but books are so broad that there is a book out there for everyone."

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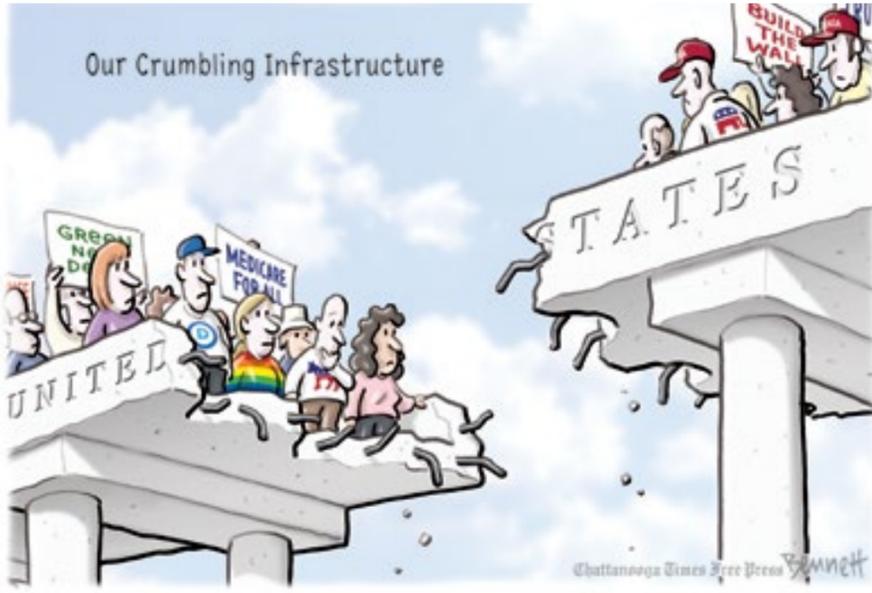
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"in linear algebra"
"anyone doing anything fun this weekend?"
"i'm getting married today...in like three hours actually!"
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student 1: "i would make it so you had to vote republican"
prof: "like, in a greek voting style kind of way"
student 1: "no, like just get rid of the democratic party"
student 2: "leans to me" "dude i don't even know the difference between democrats and republicans"

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Hello there is a man straight hitting golf balls across 700 N rn?? Send help @HeardAtBYU

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@HeardAtBYU "The fact that she doesn't like the same music as me is honestly kind of a turn off. I just need to get over it. Which I will. Other than that, it's amazing."

@atribble113
Girl 1: "Dani got her mission call last week, Jessica got here yesterday...when is MINE coming?"
Girl 2: "Uhhh maybe after you submit your mission papers?"
Girl 1: "Oh right, duhh"
@HeardAtBYU

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Student talking about studying for finals:
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Mom talking to her kids " and I sat on those stairs and cried" point to some of the south campus stairs. @HeardAtBYU #ifeelyourpain #collegestruggles

@EmmyLJo
"What movie are we gonna watch?"
"La La Land"
"Is that a horror movie?"
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"so he proposed to three girls before he left on his mission." @HeardAtBYU

@ultimatesascha
Me:
Nobody:
Random guy looking at my shirt: You play ultimate?
Me: Yeah
Random guy: Cool. Fun times.
Me: Yeah
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"I love dating FHE moms because if we ever break up then it means I don't have to go to FHE and get a whole other hour to myself"
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I was at the marb and some guy walked in the bathroom and came out with taco bell what theee @BYU_MARB

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READERS' FORUM

Wheels on campus

BYU has a large campus, consisting of 557 acres. Every student has walked across this large campus and wished they could use wheels. Wheels create a quick and easy way to travel around campus. Richard Robey says "For many students ... [wheels] are affordable, easily accessible, and reliable..." This includes all kinds of wheels. Students should be allowed to use wheeled means of transportation because they are more convenient and beneficial for every student.

Imagine trying to get from a class that ends at 10:50 in the LSB to a class at 11 in the RB without a wheeled device. The most likely outcome is being late. With wheels, students would be on time more often.

On the website of the University Police, it states that "the use of skateboards, longboards ... and all other like or similar devices are prohibited anywhere on campus." Many students have been fined.

Officials claim wheels can be a danger to walkers and property on campus, but this can be fixed with designated "wheel" lanes on campus to prevent any accidents from happening. Students with other means of transportation would stick to the lanes and walkers could go everywhere except those lanes. ASU has created "Walk Only Zones" which, according to faculty and students, have had a positive impact on campus.

Students need to be able to use wheels and other means of transportation besides walking because it is more efficient and convenient. BYU students should contact the University Police attempting to change their minds or create new policy. It may be a small inconvenience, but it will help BYU be a better school than it already is.

—Devan Slade
Surprise, Arizona

Parking at Heritage

So, I'm in a relationship and we're perfect together! There just seems to be one problem. You see, we're in a long-distance relationship. I live on the BYU campus, at Heritage Halls, while he lives far, far away in his parking stall off campus.

Leeroy is shiny, dark blue, runs on four wheels and a tank of gasoline, and I'm in love with him. However, there are more cars in Heritage than there are places for them to lodge.

Now, imagine what this might entail, say, returning from a grocery trip. Bags are loaded into your arms, and you begin the trek to the dorms. Halfway there, your biceps are on fire, and the bags are starting to bulge. As if to mock you, a bag splits and out drops a can. Clonck! Continuing in desperation, you finally lunge for the counter; with no strength left, your arms, like limp noodles, let the bags thud to the floor. That was exhausting!

Perhaps there isn't much available parking because BYU has been trying to become more pedestrian-friendly. Though efforts for such a campus are noble, some students don't want to rely on public transit because they feel more comfortable when they're independent and accountable for their own transportation. Since we're still bringing cars, our parking needs should be accommodated. No, there's not a lot of land for more parking spots. So, stop thinking laterally. Build up. Build down. Let's petition BYU to build a parking garage for Heritage residents. It's expensive, but chances are we'll be willing to pay for a stall in our parking garage.

Currently, parking is free, but the fine print says there's no spot guaranteed. To those who love their Leeroys, let's assure them an enduring, reliable home.

—Tiffani Blackburn
Roseville, California

IN OUR OPINION

A viral tweet came into my feed a few months ago that read, "It is okay to hate someone for their political opinion." This message bothered me for a long time. We're supposed to be the generation of acceptance; we champion equality for people of all backgrounds and tolerance of different lifestyles. That variance of political viewpoints seems to be the one exception to this principle is nothing short of alarming.

Arthur Brooks noted in his recent BYU commencement speech, "Ideological polarization is at higher levels than at any time since the Civil War." When we make hate-fueled, demonizing comments about those we don't agree with, we perpetuate this polarization. No one party is at fault; people whose views lie all across the political spectrum are guilty.

The key is conversation and compromise. We all want the same things — we all want to reduce poverty, increase safety and ensure everyone the ability to enjoy their basic human rights. We just have different ideas on how to best accomplish these

goals. Our chances of solving national problems are greater if we listen to each other and consider all possible solutions than if we vilify entire political parties and point fingers of blame toward everyone we disagree with. As Brooks put it, "We don't need to disagree less; we need to disagree better. ...We need a new generation ready to model lives of love in the midst of the culture of contempt."

So, discuss politics with people who think differently than you do and make a sincere effort to understand their viewpoints. Seek out news sources with a variety of political leanings, not just those that affirm your beliefs. Research candidates and vote for those who have the best bipartisan plan for the country, not just those from your registered party. And above all, never use a moment of disagreement as an excuse to cheapen your character and descend into contempt. We control the future of the nation; let's all resolve to do so with an attitude of love.

—Karina Andrew
Opinion Editor

OPINION OUTPOST

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from national news sources.

Trade with China

The Trump administration and China appear to be in the final stages of negotiations on what could be a major trade agreement between the two countries. High-level talks move back to Washington on Wednesday, with a tentative deal foreseeable soon thereafter, to be followed by a wrap-up visit to the United States by President Xi Jinping. It's not too soon to start defining the minimum conditions of an acceptable deal from the U.S. point of view.

Yet China may not be bargaining from a position of as much strength, economically, as it would have had a few years ago. Growth is slowing, and debt is rising—creating an opportunity for the Trump administration to

achieve goals that have eluded previous administrations. Unfortunately, the president's fixation on short-term trade deficits, and his inclination to retain tariffs rather than cash them in for deeper Chinese concessions, may lead to an outcome that leaves China unchanged, except cosmetically.

—Editorial Board
The Washington Post

Border crisis

President Trump is right: There is a crisis at the southern border. Just not the one he rants about. There is no pressing national security threat — no invasion of murderers, drug cartels or terrorists.

But as record numbers of Central American families flee violence and poverty in their homelands, they are overwhelming United States border systems, fueling a humanitarian crisis of overcrowding, disease and chaos. Something

needs to be done. Soon. While the request is light on specifics, it does draw some important outlines. Nearly three-quarters of the funds, \$3.3 billion, would be earmarked for humanitarian needs, with much of it flowing to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, the agency responsible for unaccompanied minors. None of the money would go toward Mr. Trump's border wall.

—Editorial Board
The New York Times

Mueller investigation

The report from special counsel Robert Mueller laid out a litany of fishy contacts during the campaign and acts by the new president that would have been obstruction of justice if anyone had carried out the president's orders. Or if it were considered possible, as Justice Department guidelines

faithfully followed by the Mueller team says it is not, to indict a sitting president

One bright spot in all of this — small but important — is the call from Utah's other senator, Mitt Romney, for Congress to hear from Mueller directly. That is exactly what should happen, and soon.

It may be painful for the special counsel to publicly call out the attorney general for willfully misrepresenting — that is, lying about — the conclusions of his report and the

underlying evidence. But Mueller can handle it.

—Editorial Board
The Salt Lake Tribune

Productive idleness

The idea is compelling, but counter-intuitive: Doing nothing is, perhaps, the most productive way we could spend our time. In a globalized world so bent on maximization and efficiency, people should take the emerging science on the value of idleness seriously — using it

both personally and in structural reform to create healthier societies.

People should collectively reimagine how they work if they are going to shift the structures of production itself — perhaps the right kind of idleness, as opposed to laziness, would help people creatively realize a better, healthier future for work. It also would increase spirituality and an appreciation for the beauty of the world.

—Editorial Board
Deseret News

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Jodi Maxfield

The BYU Cougarettes represented the U.S. National Team and finished second in the hip hop division at the 2019 International Cheer Union World Cheerleading Championships held April 24-26 in Orlando, Florida.

Cougarettes finish second at ICU world championships

By JOSH CARTER

The BYU Cougarettes, representing the U.S. National Team, finished second in the hip hop division at the 2019 International Cheer Union World Cheerleading Championships held April 24-26 in Orlando, Florida.

"I could not be more proud of how the team performed and how they represented the United States as well as BYU," Cougarettes head coach Jodi Maxfield said.

Competing against teams from countries including Mexico, Norway,

England, Ecuador and more, the Cougarettes finished only behind Japan in the final hip hop division rankings. The third-place Philippines, however, actually finished ahead of the Cougarettes in the preliminary round of the competition.

Senior Nicole Thorley emphasized how determined the team was to give everything they had during the final round to move up in the rankings.

"We actually placed bronze in prelims because the Philippines had beat us," Thorley said. "We decided that we weren't OK with that, so we practiced our guts off that night, and we showed up. We were so happy that we improved."

The Cougarettes' silver medal adds to a growing collection of impressive accolades, including a recent double first-place finish at the National Dance Alliance National Championships held April 5-6 in Daytona, Florida. Although those wins gave the Cougarettes their 18th and 19th national championships since 1997, the 2019 International Cheer Union World Championships marked the first time the all-girls team had ever competed at an international level.

"It was an incredible honor to be selected to the U.S. National Team," Maxfield said. "I don't think it was until we got there and were aware of all the countries that were represented

there and what a huge deal it was that we really understood the magnitude of what we needed to accomplish and what we had been entrusted with."

The International Cheer Union selected the Cougarettes to represent the U.S. after reviewing a video sent in by Maxfield, along with many of the team's recent accomplishments. Maxfield also noted the team's viral dance videos with BYU's mascot, Cosmo, likely played a part in the team's selection.

Maxfield admitted that although there were some nerves leading up to the competition, she was confident her team would perform well.

"I've coached 29 years and I can't

think of a better team of all the teams I've coached to represent the USA," Maxfield said. "It's really easy to let the pressure get the best of you and not perform like you hope you'd want to, but I think they handled that with a lot of grace and maturity."

Looking forward, Maxfield hopes the team can represent the U.S. again at future international competitions.

"I think the U.S. National Team was pleased with the Cougarettes — not only with how they performed on stage but also the way that they represented and conducted themselves," Maxfield said. "I think they would definitely be willing to choose us again. We're hopeful."

NFL has stars who signed as undrafted free agents

By AARON FITZNER

BYU football's Corbin Kaufusi was signed as an undrafted free agent after being passed on in the draft, and Tanner Mangum received a mini-camp invitation from the Oakland Raiders and Detroit Lions. This raises the question, "how far can these players really go if no one wanted them in the draft?"

Many athletes have had successful NFL careers after going undrafted. There are several notable active players currently finding themselves in major roles in the NFL though they never received a call on draft night.

Adam Vinatieri Indianapolis Colts

Vinatieri is a self-taught kicker with the most prolific kicking career in NFL. The former South Dakota State University Jackrabbit was once benched midway through his junior season in college for being inconsistent before graduating in 1995.

Fast forward to 2019, Vinatieri still finds himself on an NFL roster. The 46-year-old kicker has played 23 seasons in the NFL between the New England Patriots and Indianapolis Colts, winning four Super Bowls and playing in three Pro Bowls. The Yankton, South Dakota native has the most points of any player in NFL history with 2,600, while the only other active player on this list, Stephen Gostkowski, has 1,743.

Adam Thielen Minnesota Vikings

Thielen is a bit of a Cinderella story. The Minnesota native played Division II football for Minnesota State University, Mankato, on a \$500 scholarship. After college, his plan was to sell dental equipment, a job he interviewed for via referral from a friend. He ultimately decided to pursue his NFL dream and paid his way to a

regional combine in Chicago.

Just two years later, he found himself on an NFL roster. After being on the Vikings active roster since 2014, Thielen is now a superstar wide receiver that turned his \$500 Division II scholarship into a four-year NFL contract worth \$64 million. The wide receiver finished ninth in NFL receiving yards in 2018, tallying 1,373 yards through the air on 113 catches. The undrafted free agent has also been named to the Pro Bowl roster in back-to-back seasons.

Chris Harris Jr. Denver Broncos

Harris only received one scholarship offer after graduating from high school. The former Kansas Jayhawk switched positions from cornerback to safety during his senior seasons because there was a lack of skill at the safety position on his Jayhawk team. He was not invited to the scouting combine because of this as scouts told him a 5-foot-10 football player was too short to be playing safety. Harris would eventually sign with the Broncos as a cornerback after beating out two other potential signees.

Harris was a longshot in his first training camp with the Broncos but did things to make himself known. He would routinely volunteer to cover star wide receivers such as Brandon Lloyd and Demaryius Thomas, according to Bleacher Report, and he would



BYU Photo

Corbin Kaufusi goes up to block a field goal in a loss to LSU. Kaufusi recently signed a pro contract with the New Orleans Saints.

perform well against them. Since breaking into the league in 2011, the Tulsa, Oklahoma, native of has been named to four Pro Bowl teams, was named a first-team All-Pro in 2016, and has a Super Bowl ring. He is currently coming off a 5-year, \$42.5 million contract.

Michael Bennett New England Patriots

During his first training camp with the Seattle Seahawks in 2009, Bennett had to take shuttles from the hotel to the training camp facilities because he didn't have a car. Seen as 'undersized' for a defensive end, though weighing 274 pounds and standing 6-foot-4, Bennett wasn't at the top of any depth charts.

The Independence, Louisiana native of has now been in the NFL since he signed with the Buccaneers in 2009. He would eventually return to the Seahawks in 2013 and has also played

with both the Philadelphia Eagles and his current team, the New England Patriots. Bennett has been named to three Pro Bowl teams and has one Super Bowl ring.

Phillip Lindsay Denver Broncos

Lindsay's path to the NFL was made even less likely when he tore his ACL during his senior year of high school. Lindsay would end up getting an offer from Colorado University where he had 5,926 all-purpose yards in four seasons. Like many others, Lindsay did not receive an invite to the NFL Scouting Combine. His talent was on full display, however, during Colorado University's Pro Day. Ultimately, he was not drafted in the 2018 draft.

Lindsay signed a professional contract as an undrafted free agent with the Broncos, and his 2018 rookie season did not go unnoticed. The Denver, Colorado native was just the third NFL undrafted running back to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. The 24-year-old still enjoys living at home with his parents, which has become much more luxurious since signing his rookie contract. Lindsay had over 1,400 all-purpose yards during his rookie campaign with 10 touchdowns while also seeing his name on the Pro Bowl roster.

Doug Baldwin Seattle Seahawks

Playing at Stanford, Baldwin's sophomore stats indicated a potential breakout season as a junior. He

tallied 23 receptions for 332 yards on a Cardinal team that posted a less-than-impressive 5-7 record under Jim Harbaugh. His junior season, however, was riddled with injury. He would go on to catch only four passes while playing in just seven games because of his injuries.

Baldwin's senior season proved to be the season he needed to get his name on scouts' radar. He would finish his senior year with 58 receptions and 857 yards through the air, leading the Stanford Cardinals in both receptions and touchdowns with nine. His 5-foot-10 height repelled teams as he was considered small as a wide receiver, and though he had a career season as a senior at Stanford, he would not hear his name called on draft night. Baldwin would end up signing as an undrafted free agent with the Seattle Seahawks.

The Gulf Breeze, Florida native had a strong rookie season after going undrafted. He caught 51 passes for 788 yards and four touchdowns during his rookie year. Since then, Baldwin has appeared in two Pro Bowls and has one Super Bowl ring. He currently finds himself on a four-year, \$46 million contract.

Antonio Gates is another undrafted free agent who has found success in the league, however, he currently finds himself as an NFL free agent.

Joining these active players are many football greats that also didn't hear their names on draft night. Tony Romo, James Harrison, Rod Smith, Dick "Night Train" Lane, Wes Welker, and many others, went undrafted through all seven rounds. In addition to these players are a handful of Hall of Famers that entered the NFL as free agents during the draft era: Larry Little, Jim Langer, Warren Moon, John Randle and Kurt Warner.

No athlete wants to go through the three-day draft without hearing their name called by an NFL team, but even if such is the case, it does not mark the end of their journey.

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Panel 2: LET'S SEE... TOO EARLY FOR DINNER, SO...?

Panel 3: NO BIGGER PICTURE...

Panel 4: IT'S TIME FOR STUPID PEOPLE TO SHUT UP AND MIND THEIR OWN STUPID BUSINESS!

Panel 5: BEHOLD, THE BIRTH OF A NEW UNIVERSAL TIME ZONE

Panel 6: IRONICALLY, ONE THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE A CLOCK

Panel 7: EVERYTHING GOOD HERE?

Panel 8: UM... YEAH

Panel 9: THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK... OR NON-WORK... WHATEVER

Panel 10: O-O-O-KAY... ANY GUESSES?

Panel 11: THE PHRASE "RE-OPENED INVESTIGATION" LEAPS TO MIND

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Panel 1: JEREMY, HAVE YOU GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO WHAT YOU'LL DO THIS SUMMER?

Panel 2: DAD...

Panel 3: ...CAN YOU PLEASE JUST LET ME FOCUS ON MY SCHOOLWORK FOR NOW?

Panel 4: YOU'RE EATING FLAMIN' HOT CHEETOS AND WATCHING "SPIDER-MAN."

Panel 5: SURE TO THE UNTRAINED EYE.

Panel 6: MY DAD IS ALREADY BUGGING ME ABOUT SUMMER JOBS.

Panel 7: I NEED TO HAVE MY OWN BUSINESS. SET MY OWN HOURS.

Panel 8: YOU GET UP AT NOON DURING THE SUMMER

Panel 9: AND I WOULD BE THE KIND OF BOSS WHO WOULD BE COOL WITH THAT!

Sudoku

Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at universe.byu.edu/sudoku.

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ACROSS

- Part of a jacket where a hands-free mic is attached
- Powder for a gymnast
- Part of a constellation
- Michelle with the 2018 hit memoir "Becoming"
- Gymnast Korbout
- Columbus's home
- The end
- Unruly crowds
- Nevada casino city
- Tea set?
- Paulo, Brazil
- Five cards of the same suit, in poker
- Tune you just can't get out of your head
- On fire
- Suffragist ___ B. Wells
- Rice or wheat slowly swivel sideways, as a camera
- Unknown author, for short
- G-string?
- French assents
- Bit of financial planning for old age, in brief
- "The Little Mermaid" princess
- Cory Booker or Cory Gardner: Abbr.
- Spanish article
- All together, as a crowd
- Like many people after eating beans
- Main squeeze, modernly
- Beeline?
- Earsplitting
- Peter Fonda title role of 1997
- Org. fighting for immigrants' rights
- Lack of practice, metaphorically
- Touches down on the tarmac
- Corridor
- Receives
- Olympic sleds

DOWN

- Apartment in an old warehouse district, say
- Not much
- Breathe like a tired runner
- Give off
- Band's closing number
- Drum with a repetitive name
- Tons and tons
- Rainbow symbol of pride
- Chess move involving the king and rook
- Out of (discombobulated)
- "Here's what you have to realize..."
- Tree anchor
- What cigarette filters are supposed to block
- Egyptian boy king
- Certain frozen waffles
- Squabble
- Supreme Court justice nicknamed "The Notorious R.B.G."
- When tripled, "and so on and so forth"
- Shade similar to slate
- N.B.A. souvenir
- Thumb drive port, for short
- Field, onetime home of the Brooklyn Dodgers
- Microsoft search engine
- Be an omen of
- Kiss
- Paula who once judged on "American Idol"
- When tripled, "and so on and so forth"
- ___ Raton, Fla.
- Common email sign-off word
- Lover
- Microsof search engine
- Be an omen of
- Kiss

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TALC PESO YOWZA
 IGOR ARTS ENRON
 LATINPERCUSSION
 TSE IAN ITSO
 LEOPARDPRINT
 ALP PAR EELS
 POR MAMMAS AER
 UPI LOWPOST TRA
 PEZ UNSHOD EBB
 SEEN COO XII
 LAUNCHINGPAD
 ASAP MEH MAA
 LEGALPROCEEDING
 GRASP VISE ONEA
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This puzzle is a collaboration by the actress Natasha Lyonne of Netflix's "Orange Is the New Black" and "Russian Doll," working together with Deb Amlen, who writes the Times's daily crossword column, Wordplay (nytimes.com/column/wordplay). You can read more about the making of today's puzzle there. This is Deb's fourth crossword for The Times.

ACROSS

- Who says "Speak, hands, for me!" in "Julius Caesar"
- Poehler vortex of funniness?
- It might be on one's radar
- Reward for Fido
- Tiny
- Where to enjoy a Goya
- Queen's domain
- N.Y.C. subway overseer
- Wanders
- Dressed like "a hundred-dollar millionaire"
- Lo ___ (Chinese noodle dish)
- "Portlandia" aier
- Glossy fabric
- "I'll pass"
- ___ bin ein Berliner
- It might have golden locks
- Howe he could invent!
- "I think I made a mistake here"
- "Bedtime for ___"
- Celestial bear
- Rage
- Downward-Facing Dog, e.g.
- Merchant
- #Me ___
- Felt remorse for
- "Add some throw pillows or a pop of color around here, why don't you!"
- Parting words
- Aah's partner
- Words on some blood drive stickers
- Is very fortunate, with "out"
- Wharton grad
- Creature to get down from
- Polynesian carving
- 65 & 66 Choreographer whose life is depicted in the starts of 19-, 36- and 50-Across

DOWN

- Middle: Abbr.
- The "A" in BART
- Animal having a ball at the circus?
- 1980 Blondie hit
- Cost of withdrawing, say
- "Gee, you're killin' me!"
- Baseball's "Amazin'" stars
- When sung three times, what follows "She loves you"
- Vegetable with a head
- Volcano's spew
- Phil ___ slalom skiing gold medalist at the 1984 Olympics
- Fragrant compound
- Cross to bear
- Greek sauce with yogurt and cucumbers
- Bad rationalizations
- Gobble
- "Alley ___!"
- Sur, moon and stars
- Analgesic's promise
- Slow, in music
- Where one might kick a habit, informally
- Ghost at the altar?
- Here, in Madrid
- Facebook founder's nickname
- Taj Mahal, e.g.
- King of the road
- Untrustworthy types
- After-work times, in classifieds
- "Able was I ___ I saw Elba"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SUNG SPACE CAP
 OPIE PLIES HAVE
 MONTECARLO IRAN
 ENO RANG BRAIN
 ESSO TUESBELLE
 IDO NAUSEA
 STARER SSN RBI
 WEDIDIT THURMAN
 FAB EUR ANISES
 LEANTO TED
 FRIARTUCK VEST
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 RTESS LATTE PECK
 ASS DOSED SLATE

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

11 Fateful day for Caesar
 12 Deluxe
 15 Present for acceptance
 20 Actress Blair of "The Exorcist"
 21 It can be picked
 24 Remain idle
 25 Sound during hay fever season
 26 Dr. Dre's "Nuthin' but a G"
 27 Our, in Orleáns
 28 Sun, moon and stars
 29 Unbending
 30 Phil ___ slalom skiing gold medalist at the 1984 Olympics
 31 Fragrant compound
 34 Cross to bear
 37 Greek sauce with yogurt and cucumbers
 38 Bad rationalizations
 39 Gobble
 44 "Alley ___!"
 46 Analgesic's promise
 47 Slow, in music
 49 Where one might kick a habit, informally
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Olympic prospects find friends and family through swimming

By ROBERT JAMIAS

For Olympic prospects Payton Sorenson and Brynn Sproul, swimming is more than just a sport — it's a catalyst for bringing about enduring relationships.

The two swimmers will take part in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Trials in June. They said the sport has brought both friends and family into their lives.

For Sproul, swimming has given her some of her closest friends.

"You're going through a hard set together, so you go through similar experiences," Sproul said. "The friendships you build end up being based on the experiences you go through together."

Sproul and her coach, Yolanda Bates, talked about two important friendships the freshman made with her teammates.

One of those close friendships Sproul made was with fellow freshman Josue Dominguez. Sproul says their friendship is based on their shared goal of competing at the highest levels of the sport.

"With him, we're able to push each other because we know each other's goals," Sproul said. "We know that we both want to get to a certain level."

Bates said the two are so close that Sproul, who competes in the backstroke, would often rather race against

Dominguez than the other backstrokers.

"Sometimes I need (Dominguez) to race breaststroke against the other actual breaststrokers," Bates said. "I'll have to say, 'I need you to race with your group,' and (Sproul and Dominguez) will look at each other like, 'It's a training buddy kind of thing,' and it's funny."

Sproul says that, while unconventional, racing against Dominguez has helped her improve her race times.

"A lot of people don't understand why that would work, but it does for us," Sproul said. "It's because you're not really worried about the end result as much as you are just racing."

Another important friendship Sproul has made is with her recently-graduated former teammate, Cameron Lindsay. Bates says the two developed somewhat of a sibling relationship, with the two playing pranks on each other.

Sproul said her friendship with Lindsay reminded her that swimming is not just a sport — it's fun too.

A game that the former swimmer and freshman would play involved hiding each other's swimming gear around the BYU poolhouse. Bates said she's found the two swimmers snooping around the pool after practice, trying to find the gear hidden by their teammate.

"Cameron teases her all the time," Bates said. "Sometimes they're walking around looking around the booth because



Arianna Davidson

Brynn Sproul says she and fellow freshman swimmer Josue Dominguez share an important friendship.

they can't find one of their fins."

Laughing, Sproul gave some of her own insight on the game.

"We ended up having to come up with some rules because it was getting a little out of hand," Sproul said. "We narrowed it down to where you can only hide each other's fins and pool buoys, but you can't hide them when we need them in practice."

Sproul said Lindsay would routinely throw one of her fins into the water and when she would go to find it, he'd be able to hide the other one in seconds.

With Lindsay's recent graduation and exit from the team, Sproul no longer sees her friend regularly. Despite this, Sproul said Lindsay recently dropped into practice just to hide her equipment again, much to her

joy.

"We were swimming and then my fin was gone," she said. "He had thrown it in the water and when I went and got it, the other fin was gone. It was a reminder that swimming can be fun and how much I miss him."

Bates said Dominguez and Lindsay have helped the young swimmer open up and smoothly transition to collegiate life and swimming.

Sproul isn't the only one to build an important relationship through swimming. In fact, it was through swimming that BYU senior Payton Sorenson reconnected with his childhood friend and now wife, Kylie.

Kylie and Payton grew up together in Mesa, Arizona. Because their mothers were close friends, both of their

families often went on trips together. However, their families moved apart over time, and Payton and Kylie fell out of contact.

Kylie said while she always had a bit of a crush on Payton, she had never worked up the courage to go on a date with him. With both of them now attending BYU, she would run into him occasionally, but they hadn't seen each other in years so they never talked much.

It all changed when Kylie was invited by her sister to attend a BYU swim and dive meet.

"My sister was going to watch a (meet)," Kylie said. "I was on a date with a guy, but she said that she didn't want to go alone."

However, when the group arrived at the meet, the event was almost completely over. As they made their way out of the

venue, Kylie saw Payton.

"He was looking over all these people and I was looking at him, but I didn't want to. I was on a date with someone, but now I'm staring, and I can't stop staring," she said.

Kylie said she hurried out of the pool to avoid having to speak to the swimmer. Her date even teased her about Payton as they left.

It turned out Payton did see her in attendance and, shortly afterward, sent her a Facebook message asking if that was her that he saw.

Kylie knew she had to find her courage quickly after her sister also ran into Payton at a barbershop a few days later. Kylie says her sister sent her an excited text saying she was with Payton and joked that she was going to take him for herself.

"I told her, 'Payton Sorenson just messaged me and he's mine,'" Kylie said.

Payton did end up with Kylie, and the two married in August 2018.

Payton said the support of his wife and daughter aren't just any other support system — they're the secret to his recent successes in the pool.

"They've given me a different level of energy that I haven't had before," the swimmer said. "I've gotten all my best times this year, having my family in my life. It's been awesome."

Payton, who just completed his final year of collegiate swimming, reflected on the close relationships that he's formed through the sport.

"I'm getting a little emotional about it because it's sad and I haven't really taken time to think about it," he said. "I don't think I would have gotten as far as I have if it wasn't for all the people that have been in my corner along the way. That gives me power."

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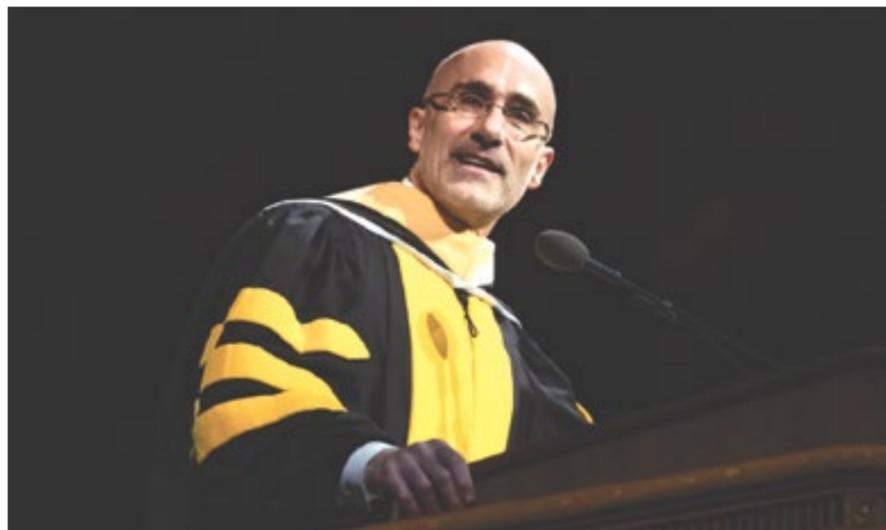
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Arthur C. Brooks addresses 2019 graduates and their families after receiving an honorary doctorate of social science.

Notable BYU degrees

By LAUREN LETHBRIDGE

Notable stories that emerged from BYU's 2019 commencement include a posthumous degree and a remarkable speech by the recipient of an honorary doctorate.

Justin Hanks died in July 2018 after battling cancer for five years. His wife, Jennifer, walked the stage in the Marriott Center and received a degree in neuroscience in his name.

Such posthumous degrees are given to students who die as they are close to completing their degree. Usually a family member must go through that student's college to get the degree.

Arthur C. Brooks, a name familiar with some due to his growing history with BYU, was the recipient of an honorary doctorate of social science.

Members of the BYU President's Council submit and discuss candidates for the honorary doctorate. The council sends its chosen candidate recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval. After approval, the council discusses a degree title, like social science.

The president then notifies the candidate, said university spokeswoman Carri Jenkins.

Jenkins explained choosing a candidate "is a judgment about whether an individual's contributions — in the academy, in business, in medicine, in social policy, etc. — merit recognition and affiliation with the university."

An honorary doctorate is not a degree granted by the institution but rather a way the university honors the recipient, Jenkins said.

BYU has granted honorary doctorates to many notable figures such as Elders Richard G. Scott and Dieter F. Uchtdorf as well as Cecil O. Samuelson, who was BYU's president from 2003-2014.

Along with receiving the honorary degree, Brooks also addressed graduates at commencement. Speaking at commencement is a common practice for those awarded honorary doctorates.

Brooks, who is the president of the conservative think tank American Enterprise Institute, remarked on the power of how people conduct themselves.

"Your greatest witness to the world as members of this

community is the conduct of your life. Our nation and world need this — they need you — more than ever today," he said.

Brooks described the role of contempt in current relationships and events throughout the world and each person's life. He described contempt as including sneering, eye-rolling, sarcasm and hostile humor.

"America has developed a 'culture of contempt' — a habit of seeing people who disagree with us not as merely incorrect or misguided, but as worthless," Brooks said.

He said the "culture of contempt" is harming the nation. But, he said, the solution is not to eliminate disagreement because disagreement leads to competition, which is good. Brooks offered love, which he described as "more radical than civility," as a solution.

To implement this solution, Brooks said, people need to not run away but model a better set of values.

"It requires the agility to be in the culture, but not of it," Brooks said.

Brooks concluded by reiterating the need for love and pointing out BYU students have what it takes to be this solution.